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Fiscal Note

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PAROLE EG DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Changes the number of votes required to grant parole to certain offenders under specified conditions

The proposed legislation provides that the parole board may grant parole with two votes of a three-member panel, or, if the number exceeds a three-member panel, a majority vote of those present if all of the following conditions are met: 1) offender has not been convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense; 2) the offender has not committed any disciplinary offenses in the 12 consecutive months prior to the parole eligibility date; 3) the offender has completed the mandatory minimum of 100 hours of pre-release programming; 4) the offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable; 5) the offender has obtained a GED, unless the offender has previously obtained a high school diploma or is deemed by a certified educator as being incapable of obtaining a GED due to a learning disability, then the offender must complete a literacy program, adult basic education, or jobs skills training program; 6) the offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of DPS&C.

EXPENDITURES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in a decrease in state general fund expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable since it is not known how many offenders would be granted parole by receiving 2 out of 3 votes and meeting the board’s criteria. To the extent an offender meets the criteria and receives 2 out of 3 votes, a savings of \$21.83 (24.39 per day at a local facility - \$2.56 per day parole supervision) per day would be realized at a local facility and a savings of \$51.93 (\$54.49 per day at a state facility - \$2.56 per day parole supervision) per day would be realized at a state facility.

According to the Department of Corrections, in 2009 there were 2,385 cases heard by the Parole Board and 1,561 of the cases were denied. Of the 1,561 cases that were denied, 59 were split votes (2 members grant parole and 1 denies parole). For illustrative purposes, if these 59 offenders were released the savings for not incarcerating them and placing them under parole supervision would be \$470,109 (\$21.83 net cost per day x 365 days x 59 offenders) if housed in a local facility. If the 59 offenders were housed in a state facility the saving would be \$1,118,313 (\$51.93 net cost per day x 365 days x 59 offenders).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may increase self-generated revenue since offenders granted parole would be required to pay parole fees of \$53 per month. The exact revenue collected is indeterminable since it is not known how many offenders will be released. For each offender released and remains under parole supervision for a year, \$636 (\$53 per month x 12 months) would be collected.

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